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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF MERRIMACK,

FOR THE

Year Ending March, 1869.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

WHOLE AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS & RECEIPTS.

State, county, town and school tax,	$8035 47	
Received of State treasurer, savings bank tax dividend, 1868,	860 07	
Received of State treasurer, railroad tax dividend, for 1868,	1259 67	
Literary fund for 1868,	44 46	
Received of county of Hillsborough,	11 70	
" tax on bank shares owned in Merrimack, 1867,	322 01	
" " " 1868,	191 56	
" of Insurance Co.	13 00	
" of Oliver Spalding on land accidentally omitted in the assessment,	10 00	
" of superintendent of town farm, balance accounts,	79 80	
" of Reuben Barnes for old plank,	5 50	
" from sale of town farm and personal property,	5274 27	
		$16107 51

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax.	2687 50	
" county tax,	918 39	
		$3605 89

SCHOOLS.

District No. 1, George C. Ingalls,	86 66	
" " 2, John French,	81 47	
" " 3, Robert W. French,	225 36	
" " 4, George Drew,	136 18	
" " 5, Moses Truel,	68 44	
" " 6, Frank E. Hills,	69 03	
" " 7, George W. Moulton,	99 64	
" " 8, Henry T. I. Blood,	99 86	
" " 9, Peter H. B. Dolan,	142 58	
" " 10,	34 00	
" " 11,	81 51	
" " 12,	50 32	
		$1175 05

PAID OLD BILLS OF 1867.

Chas. E. Humphrey, breaking roads, 1867,		19 33	
Amos Harris,	" "	10 00	
David M. Moore,	" "	5 00	
Joseph Kittredge,	" "	13 45	
Benjamin M. Hills,	" "	17 45	
Freeman Nichols,	" "	6 00	
Isaac C. Crooker,	" "	10 35	
Elijah P. Parkhurst,	" "	2 50	
John French,	" "	1 40	
Richard H. Center,	" "	20 00	
Sam'l Humphrey,	" "	9 90	
John L. Bowers,	" "	15 30	
Newton McClure,	" "	2 00	
Rufus Blood,	" "	8 13	
Rob't P. Leonard, for support of brother, '67,		26 00	
Norman P. Greene, for printing reports,	"	36 00	
Francis McClure, for abatement of tax,	"	4 26	
			$207 07

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Isaac Fitts, for labor on roads and money paid out,	21 77	
I. F. & E. A. Caldwell, for plank, &c.,	36 03	
Charles W. Dutton, for work on highway,	4 52	
Frederick F. Walker, " "	4 00	
Sumner Morgan, " "	8 70	

Luther W. Read, for work on highway,	5 34	
Josiah B. Chandler, " "	4 89	
Abner C. Darrah, " "	1 42	
Solomon R. Barron, snowing Turkey Hill Bridge,	1 50	
Aaron Mears and others, roads & bridges,	23 75	
Isaac Fitts, highway work,	13 41	
Alex. McC. Wilkins, for plank and money paid out,	17 30	
Wilkins & Howard, plank and shingles for Souhegan bridge, and shingles for hearse house,	129 24	
		$271 87

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

George W. Sargent,	$10 00	
Greene Children,	6 70	
James B. Fields,	20 00	
Samuel C, Nesmith, abatements on his list,	94 47	
Samuel Fuller, services as town treasurer, 1858,	5 00	
George Y. Sawyer, for execution against town for cost in McMillen case,	89 56	
Reuben H. Pratt, cutting bushes in cemetery,	8 25	
Sumner Morgan, sheep killed by dogs,	4 00	
George H. Jones, " "	18 00	
Samuel Fuller, " "	16 00	
Parker & Bartlett, for services in McMillen case,	147 18	
Pennichuck Water Co., over assessment	19 70	
Samuel C. Nesmith expenses to pay State Tax,	5 00	
B. B. & F. P. Whittemore, printing check list,	5 25	
M. B. McConihe, room to revise check list,	50	
F. F. Walker, money paid out for labor on road,	2 50	
Dr. H. Eaton, making ruturns of births, marrages, &c.,	6 00	
N. P. Greene, books and stationery,	14 91	
		$473 02

TOWN OFFICERS.

Albert A. Junkins, for services as town treasurer,		15 00	
Samuel C. Nesmith, services as collector,		80 00	
George Drew,	" town clerk,	20 00	
Alex. McC. Wilkins,	" selectman and overseer of poor,	98 75	
F. F. Walker,	" "	58 50	
Isaac Fitts,	" "	46 00	
John L. Spalding,	" school committee,	60 00	
Leonard Walker,	" "	1 00	
			$379 25

RECEIPTS AT TOWN FARM.

Cash on hand March 1st, 1868,		17 90
L. Fisher, for Rye,		1 65
H. Weston, apples,		1 00
Rowley,	10 bush. potatoes,	11 00
Daggett & Cross,	9 bush. "	11 25
" "	7 doz. eggs,	1 89
Mr. Eastman,	31 lbs. dry apples,	4 65
" "	9 bush. potatoes,	11 70
Mr. Wilson,	9 lbs. butter,	4 00
L. Fisher,	6 bush. potatoes,	7 50
"	3 1-2 doz. eggs,	94
Andrew Savage, use of turkey,		25
H. Dodge, 10 bushel oats,		9 00
Mr. McQuesten, 6 bushels rye,		10 80
Daniel Swett, 4	" potatoes,	5 40
M. Pettee, 4	" rye,	7 00
John L. Foster, 1	" "	1 75
Mr. McQuesten, 6	" "	10 80
H. Dodge, 76 quarts milk,		3 80
Reed & Lovejoy, 7 lbs. butter,		3 15
Mr. McKean,	" "	5 88
I. C. Crooker, labor,		1 25
Z. G. Perry, cheese,		50
L. Fisher, 180 lbs. hay,		2 16
Mr. Knight, 14 lbs. butter,		4 90
James M. Wilkins, 10 turkeys eggs,		30
G. Drew, drawing wood,		5 00

Levi Fisher, 32 lbs. ham,	6 40
Z. G. Perry, 2 pigs,	11 25
Mr. Couch, 13 lbs. butter,	4 03
H. T. I. Blood, use of bull,	1 00
Reed & Lovejoy, 13 lbs. butter,	6 65
C. McQuesten, pasturing oxen,	4 75
D. Bancroft, pasturing oxen,	1 00
T. J. Laton, calf,	14 00
Reed & Lovejoy, 17 lbs. butter,	5 95
J. M. French, use of bull,	1 50
Mr. Dodge, " "	50
Reed & Lovejoy, 18 lbs. butter,	6 40
Burke & Taylor, berries,	2 40
D. Dunn, 1 pr. steers,	125 00
" berries,	6 00
H. W. Green, pasturing cattle & use of bull,	1 80
R. Fretts, use of bull,	50
A. Savage, " "	1 50
Mr. Sawyer, 7 lbs. butter,	2 66
Daggett & Cross, potatoes,	2 30
Mr. Reed, vinegar,	1 00
T. Dinsmore, 1 pr. cattle,	220 00
Mr. Brown, bull,	60 00
" 32 lbs. chickens,	8 85
Young & Hardy, heifer.	40 00
Z. G. Perry, pasturing colt and use of bull,	3 00
" " 2 days' labor,	3 00
George Flint, 21½ qts. milk,	1 26
Baker & Co., 23½ lbs. butter,	10 34
Wood & Ober, 262 lbs. pork,	36 68
E. P. Couch, apples,	1 33
Reed & Lovejoy, 9¼ doz. eggs,	2 33
" " 19 lbs. dry apples,	2 88
" " 43 lbs. butter,	16 79
L. Fisher, rye and turkey,	1 98
E. P. Couch and others, dry apples,	4 25
I. C. Crooker, use of bull,	1 50
" " 3 bbls. apples,	5 00
John L. Foster, 3 bushels rye,	4 95
H. Dodge, yoke timber,	1 00
A. McC. Wilkins, pasturing cattle and use of bull,	11 00

County of Hillsborough, support of paupers,	35 44	
Miss Jose, 1 barrel apples,	1 50	
W. McGatt, 4 " "	10 00	
C. Dodge, use of bull,	1 00	
N. Parker, cider and cranberries,	6 50	
B. Cotton, straw,	13 82	
R. H. Pratt, use of bull,	50	
Mr. Harris, 11 lbs. pork,	1 98	
Mr. Colby, cider and cask,	4 50	
Ackerman & Reed, 640 lbs. pork,	89 60	
S. C. Anderson, cider,	13 45	
D. Bancroft, pasturing steer,	4 00	
Mr. Flint, milk,	40	
Isaac Parker, use of bull,	2 00	
Levi Fisher, " "	1 50	
E. P. Parkhurst, "	2 50	
Asa McMillen, pasturing oxen & use of bull,	9 50	
Young & Hardy, salt pork and 2 turkies,	9 57	
Aaron Gage, use of bull,	1 00	
F. Nichols, " "	2 00	
Lemuel Fuller, labor,	45 00	
County of Hillsboro,' support of county paupers,	18 00	
Receipts,		$1062 41
Expenditures deducted,		982 61
Balance in favor of the farm,		$79 80

EXPENDITURES AT TOWN FARM.

Eri Woods, grinding grain,	1 08
A. Savage, turkey,	1 60
C. H. Nutt, grass seed,	8 45
Mr. Woodward, repairing wagon,	25
Ms. Weston, doctoring calves,	1 00
E. Woods, grindiug,	1 29
A. J. Rockwood, coffin and robe for J. Hartshorn,	11 50
Rev. Dr. Davis, attending funeral,	2 00
S. R. Barron, digging grave,	1 50
A. McC. Wilkins, going for minister,	1 00
J. Fuller, 1 shote and 5 pigs,	27 50

George Drew, trash wood,	5 00	
W. Wetherbee, tax in Amherst,	1 30	
F. Nichols, 11 lbs. veal,	1 32	
C. H. Nutt, scythe and rake,	2 50	
G. Wescott, labor,	4 00	
Duprez, "	4 00	
Mr. Rhodes, 11 days haying,	22 00	
E. Woods, grinding,	93	
McIntire & Son, pair shoes for Mrs. Roby,	1 50	
" " " " Miss Chandler,	1 70	
E. Gardner, 15 days haying,	30 00	
John L. Foster, bull,	47 00	
J. Fowle, labor,	4 00	
Wm. Olton, 1 pr. boots for I. Dodge,	3 50	
Reed & Lovejoy, store goods,	45 87	
J. Fuller, 1 pr. cattle,	185 00	
W. Olton, labor,	18 00	
Merrill & Barr, meal,	25 00	
N. & S. Chase, store goods,	3 29	
E. Woods, grinding,	96	
H. Eaton, medical attendance.	12 50	
S. Fuller, use of cider mill,	80	
S. C. Anderson, store goods,	104 79	
Mr. Weston, butchering,	1 00	
J. W. Moulton, store goods,	15 01	
J. F. Osgood, blacksmithing,	2 95	
J. W. White, opium and medicine,	12 60	
crackers for auction,	3 00	
40 lbs. cod fish,	3 75	
James M. Fosdick, blacksmithing,	1 35	
J. H. Marshall, labor,	10 00	
Young & Hardy, meat,	9 02	
Lemuel Fuller, services as superintendent,	340 00	
Z. G. Perry, carriage to county farm,	1 00	
		$982 61

SALE OF TOWN FARM

and Personal Property at Farm.

On the 3d of November, 1868, the Selectmen were chosen a committee by vote of the town, to sell and convey the Town Farm. Agreeably to said vote they advertised said property to be sold at auction, on the 24th day of November, then next,

in two of the leading newspapers of the county, and caused 200 handbills to be struck off and scattered broadcast through the country, and employed Chas. H. Campbell, one of the most noted auctioneers, to sell said estate, and on the day appointed proceeded to sell said property to the highest bidder, as follows:

REAL ESTATE.

Farm, including all the land and buildings on north side of road,	2700 00	
Pasture, on south side of road,	700 00	
Sprout land, on south side of brook,	325 00	
Wood and timber standing, reserved in sale of farm,	520 00	
		$4245 00

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Live stock,	812 80	
Hay and grain,	616 16	
Balance of personal property,	365 24	
		$1794 20
Whole amount of property sold,		$6039 20

EXPENSES OF SALE.

Advertising,	17 00	
Barrel crackers,	5 00	
C. H. Campbell, Auct'r, and revenue tax,	30 00	
Surveying,	8 00	
Alex. McC. Wilkins, services and cash paid out,	21 15	
Frederick F. Walker, " "	13 00	
Isaac Fitts, " "	12 43	
Deducted,		$106 58
Net proceeds of sale,		$5932 62

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of assessments and receipts,		$16107 51
Paid State and county tax,	3605 89	
" schools,	1175 05	

" old bills,	207 07		
" roads and bridges,	271 87		
" incidental expenses,	473 02		
" town officers,	379 25		
Whole amount,		$6112 15	
Balance in favor of town,		$9995 36	
Balance in treasury March, 1868, added		2714 56	
Amount in treasury,		$12709 92	
Paid on notes of town as follows;			
" principal,	$10483 22		
" interest,	1525 65		
Amount deducted,		$12008 87	
Leaves balance in treasury March 1st, 1869,		$701 05	
Borrowed of Merrimack River Savings Bank,	$3500 00		
Paid committee chosen by town to pay substitutes,	3500 00		
Whole amount of indebtedness of town March 1st, 1869,		$17402 49	
Balance in treasury.	701 05		
Due from tax on bank shares, 1867,	110 31		
" " " 1868,	165 80		
Due from sale of town farm & personal property,	658 35		
Amount deducted leaves,		$1635 51	
Total debt of town over assets March 1st, 1868,		$15766 98	

REMARKS.

The above is believed to be an accurate statement of the condition of the town so far as the same has come to our knowledge. Upon the sale of the town farm we found one pauper to be provided for in some other way, we therefore engaged Mr. Israel C. Crooker to board him for one year for $2.50 per week, and furnish him with all necessary nursing if

he should be sick and need it We cannot close this report without saying a few words in commendation of our late Superintendent of our Town Farm and his mother. They have conducted the affairs of the institution economically and to our entire satisfaction, and we believe to the citizens of the town generally, and may many years of bliss be his.

Respectfully submitted for the consideration of the town.

ALEX. McC. WILKINS,
FREDERICK F. WALKER,
ISAAC FITTS,
} Selectmen of Merrimack.

SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

George C. Ingalls, Prudential Committee. Amount of money $86,66.

There has been but one term of twelve weeks in this district during the year, with an average attendance of five scholars under the instruction of Miss Minnie C. Wilkins, of Merrimack, with very good success.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

John French, Prudential Committee. Amount of money $81.47.

There have been in this district two terms, a spring term of eight and a fall term of eight and one half weeks, with an average attendance of thirteen scholars both terms, taught by Miss S. Frances Spalding, of Merrimack. This is a very pleasant school the scholars are attentive and studious and made good improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Robert W. French, Prud. Com. Amount of money, $225,86.

A spring term of nine weeks was taught by Miss Laura E. French, of Merrimack, with good success, as might be expected from one of her experience. She was followed by Miss S. Addie Bryant, of Lyndeborough, with a fall term of eight weeks, when Miss M. B. Gilmore, of Bedford, was employed, and after keeping five weeks and three days, closed suddenly for some cause unknown to me. Then Miss L. Anna Wilkins, of Merrimack, was engaged, and with her long experience and the manner in which she is conducting the school at present, it is hoped it will close with much improvement. Having several weeks more to keep, I am not able to give a full report.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

George Drew, Prudential Committee. Amount of money $136.

There have been two terms of eleven weeks each, the average attendance being twenty-two scholars. Also a private fall term of eight weeks, under the instruction of Hattie N. Robbins, of Nashua, whose experience of ninety-eight months in teaching has won for her sufficient renown. The good improvement of those under her charge, and the universal satisfaction given will be long remembered with pleasure, and I trust duly appreciated.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Moses Truell, Prud. Com. Amount of money, $68.44.

There have been but one term in this district, of twelve weeks, the average attendance of scholars belonging to the district being about five, taught by Miss Clara E. Robbins, of Merrimack, with commendable improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Francis E. Hill, Prud. Com. Amount of money, $69,03.

In this district there have been twenty weeks of school with an average attendance of twenty scholars, and eight weeks, by private subscription, with a degree of interest and studiousness which has characterized them in previous years, instructed by Miss Mary A. Fields, of Merrimack, with very good improvement and general satisfaction.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

George W. Moulton, Prud. Com. Amount of money, $99,64.

The average attendance in this district is twenty-six scholars during the two terms, one of six the other of eleven weeks, both under the instruction of Miss Sarah A. Ball, of Candia, and was well conducted; the examination showed good order and progress, and closed with an evening exhibition of dialogues, declamations and a Christmas tree, which appeared to be enjoyed by all present.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Henry T. I. Blood, Prudential Committee. Amount of money $99.86.

The first term of eight weeks was taught by Miss Louise M. Jones. The second term of twelve weeks, by Miss Tensia McMillen, both of Merrimack. The average attendance during the terms was five scholars, mostly quite small. They were well managed by both teachers, and as much improvement made as could be justly expected.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Peter H. Dolan and Henry McKean, Prud. Com. Amount of money, $144,58.

One term of thirteen weeks was taught by Miss Tensia McMil-

ten, and one of ten and one half weeks by Miss Louise M. Jones, the average number of scholars being twenty-four. They only having exchanged fields of labor, the same remarks may apply here as in the preceding districts.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Elijah P. Parkhurst, Prudential Committee. Amount of money from Merrimack, $34,00.

A term of eight weeks was taught by Mrs. L. A. Evans, of Merrimack. The average number of scholars being nine, mostly from Bedford, this being a union district. The attendance and progress were commendable to both teacher and scholars. A fall term of thirteen weeks was under the instruction of Miss Lucy A. Burns, of Bedford, with an average attendance of eleven scholars. Not receiving notice until the evening before the examination, previous engagements prevented my being present. But from the register and the appearance at a former visit I may justly report a profitable term to the scholars and the teacher's expression a pleasant term to her.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Amos S. Morse, Prud. Committee. Amount of money $81,50.

A spring term of six weeks was taught by Miss Mary J. Wheeler, of Hollis, with an average attendance of six scholars, and as much improvement made as could be expected in so short a term. An early fall term of nine weeks was taught by Miss Hattie E. Chase, of Nashua; the average attendance was five scholars; she was interested in her school, and very good progress was made by those who attended during the term.

DISTRICT NO 12.

William H. Patterson, Prudential Committee. Amount of money, $50.32.

A spring and an early fall term of six weeks each was kept by Miss Lizzie D. Bowers, of Merrimack. The average attendance being fourteen scholars, with good improvement and satisfaction.

REMARKS.

Citizens of Merrimack:

In presenting to you my second annual report, it is attended with much pleasure as well as some misgivings. The brief statement under the head of the several districts, is sufficient to indicate the general condition and progress made. And if it is not all we could desire, it only calls upon us for renewed interest and effort. The amount of money appropriated for schooling is greater than ever before, being eleven hundred, seventy-seven dollars and four cents, besides nearly two hundred dollars by pri-

vate subscription, exclusive of board furnished in some of the districts. This sum, if judiciously expended, would afford from thirty to thirty-six weeks of school a year; and if well improved, would be amply sufficient to make good scholars of all who availed themselves of it. District Nos. three, nine and twelve have provided themselves with Webster's Large Dictionary, a very valuable instructor, and an example I hope to see followed till no school is without one. Your attention has been so frequently called by my predecessors to the manner in which our school money is expended, that further remarks seem hardly necessary. The average amount of money appropriated the past year is about five dollars and eighty cents to a scholar. While some receive less than four dollars, others receive almost twenty-nine dollars, to a scholar. Now we might naturally infer that in those schools receiving the greatest amount of money we should find the best scholars, but such is not the case, for it is a fact that the scholars in the small districts are not so advanced as in those districts having a larger number of scholars and a less amount of money to a scholar. I have frequently heard remarks of the great expense we are at to give our children an education, and by some that all that was needed was just to learn to read and write, and perhaps to be able to add four and four, and we could go through the world well enough. Well, let us figure a little upon that. Take for the basis the amount to a scholar the past year, five dollars and eighty cents, the largest amount ever appropriated before, we will allow that they attend the schools for the space of fifteen years (which is a large average,)and what is the cost of your education? why it amounts to the sum of eighty-seven dollars.—Who would not contrive some way to purchase an education if it could be obtained with money for that paltry sum? It is not money alone that is wanted to educate our children, it wants interest of feeling, union of action, cooperation with and encouragement to teachers, then we may rely upon just remuneration.—Let us not fail to foster and prize our common schools the richest legacy ever bequeathed a people.

With many thanks for the generous treatment invariably received the foregoing is respectfully submitted.

J. L. SPALDING,
School Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.—SUMMER TERM.

No. of District,	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Whole number of scholars,		13	27	24		22	30	6	34	10	11	17
Average attendance,		11	24	21		18	25	5	25	9	10	15
Wages of teacher per month, including board,		$19.20	$24.00	$25.00		$20.00	22.00	20.00	$21.00	16.00	20.00	23.00
Length of school in weeks,		8	9	11		8	6	8	13	8	6	6
No. of instances of tardiness,		26	4			45	5	3	85		152	1
No. not absent half day,		4	11	5		2	4	2	6	2	1	5
No. of visits by citizens and others,		31	28	33		27	25	20	20	4	11	21

WINTER TERM.

No. of District,	1	2	3*	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Whole number of scholars,	10	15		27	12	22	34	8	27	16	7	15
Average attendance,	5	14		22	9	19	24	6	22	11	5	13
Wages of teacher per month, including board,	$24.	$19.20		$32.00	$21.	$20.00	22.00	19.00	$24.00	22.00	20.00	23.00
Length of school in weeks,	12	8½		11	12	8	11	12	16½	13	9	3
No. of instances of tardiness,	8	46			9	34	7	18	50	20	115	
No. not absent half day,		6			2	8		2	8		2	7
No. of visits by citizens and others,	15	17		30	9	11	8	20	15	51		

*Not closed.

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